

# Organics Recycling



## Drop-Off

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

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Collect organics from your bathroom, kitchen and laundry room.

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Place your organics in paper bags or compostable\* plastic bags.



COMPOSTABLE  
IN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

BPI®

*\*Look for this logo to determine whether a product is certified compostable.*

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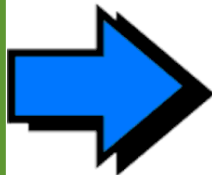
Bring bagged organics to a cart at the following drop-off location:

Mankato's Transit

System lot at

221 Lamm St.

(Between Cub West &  
Children's Museum)



Open  
Saturdays  
Year-Round  
9 a.m. to  
Noon

## What is Accepted?

### Food Scraps:

- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat, fish & bones
- Bakery and dry goods
- Eggs and eggshells
- Dairy products



### Food-Soiled & Non-Recyclable Paper:

- Paper cups, plates, bowls (without plastic lining/coating)
- Pizza boxes, cardboard tubes from toilet paper and paper towels
- Paper egg cartons
- Certified compostable plastic-lined plates, cups, bowls and containers (must be BPI certified\*)
- Parchment and wax paper



### Other Compostable Items:

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Certified compostable plastics (BPI certified\*)
- Wood chopsticks, popsicle sticks & toothpicks
- Houseplant trimmings
- Hair & nail clippings
- Dryer lint



### Not accepted:

- Yard waste (grass, leaves, brush)
- Plastic bags (take to participating grocery or retail store for recycling)
- Milk cartons & juice boxes
- Animal waste, litter and bedding
- Styrofoam™

- Non-certified compostable plastics
- Plastic lined paper products
- Recyclable items (paper, plastic, glass, metal, cartons)
- Diapers & wipes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Liquids (milk, juice or oils)

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### What do I put my scraps in?

An ice cream bucket with a lid works for next to the sink or under it. Some use a bowl that stays in the fridge or freezer until emptied.

### Do scraps need to be bagged?

Yes. Either in a paper sack (you can layer the scraps with shredded paper to pick up moisture) or a BPI certified compostable plastic bag, such as Biobag (Co-op & Hilltop HyVee) or Wild Harvest Eco Safe 6400 (Cub). MZW will also sell boxes of 2.4 gallon bags for \$ 3 cash at the drop-off site on Saturdays. Pizza boxes and paper egg cartons can be left unbagged.

### Do food scraps have to be certified organic food? No.

**Is there a charge?** Yes. To use the drop-off will cost \$25 for one year. Checks can be made out to Full Circle Organics and sent to Katy Wortel, 1411 Pohl Rd., Mankato. Checks can also be left with a monitor at the drop-off site. For electronic payment visit [www.fullcircle-organics.com](http://www.fullcircle-organics.com)

**Are volunteers needed?** Glad you asked! Zero Waste will be staffing the drop-off site with 2 people every Saturday, 9 am to noon, year round. Contact: Katy Wortel, 345-4494, Betty Winkworth 387-7170 or Jane Dow 625-5092 and 469-5537, E-mails to [mankatozerowaste@gmail.com](mailto:mankatozerowaste@gmail.com)

## Benefits of Composting:

- Keeping organic waste out of the trash.
- Reducing garbage disposal waste going to wastewater treatment plants.
- Creating a nutrient rich product to add to soil.



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## Partners Working Together



To Increase  
Recycling,  
Reduce Waste

